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PETITION TO THE STATE ENGINEER  
OF THE STATE OF UTAH

The undersigned who constitute more than one-third of the users of underground water in the Milford Area of Escalante Valley hereby petition the Honorable Hubert C. Lambert, State Engineer of the State of Utah, to hold hearings and make other appropriate investigations to determine whether the underground water in the Milford Area is adequate for the existing claims.

The petitioners respectfully represent that each year for many years, last past, the water table in Milford Valley has declined, indicating that the withdrawals of water exceeds the annual recharge, even in good water years, and that the result of continued use of water to supply all existing water rights will be to "mine" the water source to the irreparable injury of all water users.

The petitioners further represent that despite the inadequacy of the supply the water commissioner has disregarded the relative priorities of individual water users and has made full delivery to each user in the area. The result has been that owners of prior water rights have been required, at their own expense, to deepen and improve their wells and well equipment to get water to irrigate their farms, and in addition many of said owners of prior rights have been obliged to rent water from owners of rights having later priorities, all of which is contrary to the statutory and case law of the State of Utah relating to water rights.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned petitioners pray that notice of a hearing be given as provided by Section 73-5-1 Utah Code Annotated, 1953, and that after such hearing the State Engineer take appropriate action by cutting late priorities to reduce the annual withdrawal of water from the Milford Underground Water Area.

Dated February 19, 1968.

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